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                        BEFORE THE
                ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION
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   IN THE MATTER OF:
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   VERNETTA McCREE
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                                   ) No. 15-0475
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   NORTHERN ILLINOIS GAS COMPANY
 6 d/b/a NICOR GAS COMPANY
7 Complaint as to inaccurate
   billing in Riverdale, Illinois.)
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                               Chicago, Illinois
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                               September 29, 2015
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            Met pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m.
11 BEFORE:
       MR. JOHN RILEY, Administrative Law Judge.
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13 APPEARANCES:
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   SULLIVAN REPORTING COMPANY, by
21 Teresann B. Giorgi, CSR
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- 1 JUDGE RILEY: Pursuant to the direction
- 2 of the Illinois Commerce Commission, I call
- 3 Docket 15-0475.
- 4 This is a complaint by Vernetta McCree
- 5 versus Northern Illinois Gas Company, d/b/a Nicor
- 6 Gas as to inaccurate billing in Riverdale, Illinois.
- 7 And it's my understanding, Ms. McCree,
- 8 that you are appearing without counsel at this
- 9 point, is that correct?
- 10 MS. McCREE: Yes.
- 11 JUDGE RILEY: And I just want to let you know
- 12 that you can obtain the services of an attorney any
- 13 time you so choose during the pendency of this
- 14 docket, but the attorney would have to take the
- 15 record as he finds it. We would not be able to come
- 16 back and start over again.
- 17 MS. McCREE: Okay.
- 18 JUDGE RILEY: And, Mr. Padron, you're here for
- 19 Nicor?
- 20 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 21 JUDGE RILEY: And would you enter an appearance
- 22 with your name and address.

- 1 MR. PADRON: Sure.
- Paul Padron, P-a-d-r-o-n. My address
- 3 is 400 South County Farm Road, Suite 200, Wheaton,
- 4 Illinois 60187. My direct line is 630-344-6529.
- 5 JUDGE RILEY: And are you with the law firm
- 6 of -- what is it, Esp?
- 7 MR. PADRON: Esp, E-s-p, Kreuzer, K-r-e-u-z-e-r,
- 8 Cores, C-o-r-e-s, LLP.
- 9 JUDGE RILEY: Thank you.
- 10 And at this time -- this is just a
- 11 pre-hearing conference. It's going to be an
- 12 informal conversation as to just what the problem is
- 13 out there.
- Ms. McCree, you are alleging that the
- 15 account has been overcharged because of gas leaks
- 16 that were apparently -- it appears to me that they
- 17 were what, off the property or underground?
- 18 MS. McCREE: Yeah, underground right outside in
- 19 the parking lot in the lines underground leading
- 20 into the property.
- 21 JUDGE RILEY: You said Nicor dug up the parking
- 22 lot about three different times.

- 1 MS. McCREE: Yes.
- JUDGE RILEY: Now, is the problem solved now?
- 3 MS. McCREE: I don't believe so.
- 4 JUDGE RILEY: Let me ask you this, what kind of
- 5 a building is it -- what building are we talking
- 6 about?
- 7 MS. McCREE: It's a 12-unit building.
- 8 JUDGE RILEY: It's just an apartment building,
- 9 12-unit apartment building.
- 10 And do you own the building?
- 11 MS. McCREE: Mr. McCree owns the building
- 12 (indicating).
- 13 JUDGE RILEY: And whose name is the account in?
- MS. McCREE: It's in my name.
- 15 JUDGE RILEY: The account is in your name.
- MS. McCREE: Uhm-uhm.
- 17 JUDGE RILEY: And Mr. McCree is your husband.
- MS. McCREE: Yes.
- 19 JUDGE RILEY: And you don't think they fixed the
- 20 problem yet?
- 21 MS. McCREE: I don't believe so.
- JUDGE RILEY: Can you smell gas?

- 1 MS. McCREE: Well, it's -- no, I don't smell
- 2 gas, but we leave the windows open in the property
- 3 where the heating unit is so that it might be
- 4 dissipating out the window because it's always
- 5 fuming and stuff in there. So we leave the windows
- 6 open.
- 7 JUDGE RILEY: Are the units individually metered
- 8 or --
- 9 MS. McCREE: No.
- 10 JUDGE RILEY: -- or one meter for the building?
- 11 MS. McCREE: Yes.
- 12 JUDGE RILEY: Just one single meter.
- MS. McCREE: Yes.
- 14 JUDGE RILEY: How big are the bills -- I mean,
- 15 what --
- MS. McCREE: Well, we received something from
- 17 Nicor that wasn't really helpful concerning the
- 18 billing of this account.
- 19 And just a little background, the
- 20 building has five tenants.
- JUDGE RILEY: You say it's only 40 percent
- 22 occupied.

- 1 MS. McCREE: Yeah, it's not fully occupied.
- 2 So, the billing is going like -- it
- 3 seems like the property is occupied with 12 units,
- 4 the way the billing is going. And if you look at
- 5 this billing statement that we got from Nicor,
- 6 billing two times in one month and -- it starts on a
- 7 date I did not request service, you know. This
- 8 billing on here that should not be in my name.
- 9 JUDGE RILEY: Right.
- 10 MS. McCREE: So, the billing is all messed up.
- 11 And trying to speak to Nicor over the phone, they
- 12 were not helpful and has not been helpful. So,
- 13 that's why we're here.
- 14 JUDGE RILEY: And you said that they -- you said
- 15 the heat is off in all the other units.
- 16 MS. McCREE: Yes.
- 17 JUDGE RILEY: The ones that are not occupied.
- 18 MS. McCREE: Right. It is off.
- 19 JUDGE RILEY: And is the building, generally, in
- 20 good state of repair?
- 21 MS. McCREE: It's an average repair. It's
- 22 not -- there's nothing wrong with the boiler. It's

- 1 certified every year. So, it's working fine.
- 2 JUDGE RILEY: You said the billing that was sent
- 3 to you also showed double charges?
- 4 MS. McCREE: Well, this statement here shows
- 5 some double charges on different dates. I don't
- 6 know how this -- this is what it shows here, it's
- 7 like two billings on 1-29-13, two billings on a
- 8 couple other dates, 5-7-13 and -- I asked them for
- 9 an accounting of the bills since the time I had it
- 10 and this is what they sent me (indicating).
- 11 MR. PADRON: Did you happen to bring copies for
- 12 the Judge and I?
- MS. McCREE: No, I did not.
- 14 MR. PADRON: Do you mind if I make a copy of
- 15 that before we leave here today?
- 16 MS. McCREE: Yeah, I guess you can have a copy.
- 17 JUDGE RILEY: That was sent to you by Nicor?
- 18 MS. McCREE: It was faxed to me. Yes, it was.
- 19 JUDGE RILEY: All right.
- 20 MS. McCREE: It was faxed.
- JUDGE RILEY: Tell you what, why don't I make a
- 22 couple copies of that right now.

- 1 (Whereupon, a short
- 2 recess was taken.)
- 3 JUDGE RILEY: Back on the record.
- 4 Mr. Padron, what is Nicor's stance --
- 5 or what's their position here?
- 6 MR. PADRON: Regarding the leaks, we don't
- 7 have -- or we're not aware of any leak right now.
- 8 If Mr. and Mrs. McCree believes there is a leak, I
- 9 can send somebody out there and they will determine
- 10 whether or not there is a leak. But, to our
- 11 knowledge, there is no leak currently. And any
- 12 leaks that were present in the past were before the
- 13 gas actually reached their meter. So, they were not
- 14 charged for any of the leaking gas at this property.
- 15 MR. McCREE: That's not true.
- 16 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. Please, go ahead.
- 17 MR. McCREE: Okay. Nicor dugged up my entire
- 18 parking lot. I've got pictures to show it. They
- 19 tore out all the underground. Then they came to the
- 20 meter, they spray painted the meter. I told them
- 21 they needed to replace the meter. They never
- 22 replaced it, leaving the meter going into building

- 1 the pipe was all rusted. The only thing they did
- 2 was painted it. They didn't replace it. And I told
- 3 them the leak source is coming from here -- I was
- 4 there with Nicor when they tore up the parking lot.
- JUDGE RILEY: You're saying it's the pipe that
- 6 was going into the meter inside the building?
- 7 MR. McCREE: Yes. You have their pipe coming
- 8 underground, they dug up all of that, tore up my
- 9 concrete -- my concrete is still tore up in the
- 10 parking lot today. They've been out for three or
- 11 four times. They have meter guys that go out and
- 12 check. It goes into the meter, then coming out of
- 13 the meter the pipes are rusted going into my
- 14 building. Their meter is outside.
- 15 JUDGE RILEY: Their meter is outside.
- 16 MR. McCREE: Yes, the meter is outside. It's
- 17 actually doing the reading, but you have pipes
- 18 that's coming past the meter --
- 19 JUDGE RILEY: Into the building.
- 20 MR. McCREE: -- into the building.
- 21 JUDGE RILEY: Right. So, the meter is outside
- 22 the building.

- 1 MR. McCREE: Yes.
- So, what he's saying is not true.
- 3 MR. PADRON: Well, if there are rusty pipes that
- 4 are past the meter, those are your property. So, if
- 5 those are leaking, that is not Nicor's
- 6 responsibility.
- 7 MR. McCREE: Yeah, but you're good to your
- 8 meter. I can't change the pipes on your meter.
- 9 The pipe coming out of your meter is
- 10 rusted.
- 11 MR. PADRON: That pipe coming out of the meter
- 12 into your residence --
- 13 JUDGE RILEY: The building.
- 14 MR. PADRON: -- the building, is rusty, that is
- 15 your property. That's not Nicor's property.
- MR. McCREE: Well, whose meter is it?
- 17 MR. PADRON: It's Nicor's.
- 18 MR. McCREE: Okay. So, I cannot physically
- 19 connect the meter -- pipe to your meter. That's
- 20 your job.
- JUDGE RILEY: Mr. McCree would have to have like
- 22 a plumber come out to --

- 1 MR. PADRON: Correct. He would have to have
- 2 contractor come out to determine what's leaking and
- 3 then Nicor would work with that contractor to fix
- 4 the problem.
- JUDGE RILEY: You're saying that it's Nicor's
- 6 responsibility up to the meter --
- 7 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 8 JUDGE RILEY: -- up to and into the meter --
- 9 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 10 JUDGE RILEY: -- and then beyond the meter into
- 11 the building --
- 12 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- JUDGE RILEY: -- it's the owner's problem.
- 14 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 15 And I am happy to have the meter
- 16 removed and have it tested and the ICC can oversee
- 17 the process to make sure that that meter is working
- 18 accurately and properly. I have no problem with
- 19 that.
- 20 And what I've been told is we offered
- 21 that prior and you guys didn't want it.
- MR. McCREE: No. No. That's a lie.

- 1 MS. McCREE: No, she did offer and I told her I
- 2 didn't want to mess with the meter until we got
- 3 here. Because now all of a sudden they want to be
- 4 helpful when they wasn't helpful before.
- 5 MR. McCREE: Because I suggested that they
- 6 change the meter when they had put in the piping
- 7 underground after they tore up my parking lot. And
- 8 he said, No. And I said, Well, we've been having an
- 9 issue with this gas for a long time. This has been
- 10 a few years now.
- MR. PADRON: And that's fine, if you're telling
- 12 them you want a new meter and she's telling them she
- 13 doesn't. That's fine.
- MR. McCREE: No, that's after we came here now.
- 15 Because what we're trying to do is not -- we want
- 16 the problem fixed, but we don't want a coverup.
- 17 MR. PADRON: I want the problem fixed, too.
- 18 MR. McCREE: Right.
- 19 MR. PADRON: And I'm not going to cover up
- 20 anything.
- 21 JUDGE RILEY: What is the status with the pipes
- 22 underground?

- 1 MR. McCREE: They keep digging it up. They come
- 2 out -- they've been out at least three or four times
- 3 messing up my parking lot. And each time they make
- 4 the hole bigger.
- 5 MR. PADRON: The status, as far as I am aware,
- 6 Judge, is that everything is working property on
- 7 Nicor's side.
- 8 JUDGE RILEY: Is there anyway to confirm one way
- 9 or the other that there were leaks at one time with
- 10 the underground pipes?
- 11 MR. PADRON: Yes. There were. There were leaks
- 12 underground prior to the gas actually getting to the
- 13 meter.
- 14 JUDGE RILEY: All right. But that would not
- 15 affect their billing.
- 16 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 17 MR. McCREE: I disagree totally.
- 18 The thing is, the meter -- the pipes
- 19 were all -- is rusted on one side, it's both
- 20 outside, why not replace it all.
- 21 MR. PADRON: We can't replace property that
- 22 belongs to you.

- 1 MR. McCREE: I understand.
- 2 My point is, though, the meter belongs
- 3 to you. So, how we going to interconnect? That's
- 4 my whole point.
- 5 MR. PADRON: It's not an issue.
- 6 JUDGE RILEY: Nicor's pipes go into the meter.
- 7 Your pipes come out of the meter.
- 8 MR. PADRON: Right.
- 9 JUDGE RILEY: That's what they're saying.
- 10 MR. McCREE: But the leak is on the outside.
- 11 JUDGE RILEY: On the outside. But they're
- 12 saying that the gas that would have escaped never
- 13 would have gotten to the meter. It never would have
- 14 registered. So, you couldn't have been billed for
- 15 that.
- MR. McCREE: Well, if you have an old meter,
- 17 it's registering anyway.
- 18 The meter -- just like she stated, the
- 19 apartment is empty now. We have no gas on. The
- 20 only thing we have is the hot water. And if you
- 21 could give a current bill, you could see the bill
- 22 probably \$400 now -- 4, \$500.

- 1 MR. PADRON: Well, whatever the bill is now --
- 2 as far as Nicor shows is that there is no leak up to
- 3 the meter and the meter is working properly, I have
- 4 no problem working with you guys and the ICC, remove
- 5 the meter, make sure it's working accurately. You
- 6 can hire a contractor, make sure all the pipes on
- 7 your end are working accurately and get it solved.
- 8 MR. McCREE: But what are we going to do about
- 9 these bills that are erroneous. Because you've
- 10 double charged. You've charged when we didn't even
- 11 have the property in our name.
- 12 MR. PADRON: The bills, as far as Nicor is
- 13 concerned, are accurate. I know you don't believe
- 14 me and I know you don't believe if there's gas
- 15 leaking before it gets to the meter that you're not
- 16 charged for it. I know you think you do. I'm
- 17 telling you it doesn't. Now, whether or not you
- 18 believe me, that's your choice.
- But the reality is, if you're going to
- 20 say that you were improperly billed, it's your
- 21 burden of proof to show how you were improperly
- 22 billed.

- 1 MR. McCREE: We're showing you that.
- 2 MR. PADRON: Okay. My suggestion is, we remove
- 3 the meter, have it tested before the ICC -- and
- 4 maybe it's malfunctioning, okay? In which case, we
- 5 don't even have to worry about it --
- 6 MR. McCREE: Okay.
- 7 MR. PADRON: -- the bill.
- 8 MS. McCREE: What's the first date you show that
- 9 the bills were in my name?
- 10 MR. PADRON: We have --
- 11 MS. McCREE: You have a stack of bills over
- 12 there.
- 13 MR. PADRON: Right.
- So, the history on the account is --
- 15 MS. McCREE: In my name, that's what I'm
- 16 concerned about.
- 17 MR. PADRON: Give me a second here.
- 18 We show the account in your name as of
- 19 March 20th, 2013.
- 20 MS. McCREE: Okay. March 20th. Okay.
- 21 MR. PADRON: Yes, 2013.
- In terms of the bill itself, I'm happy

- 1 to work with you guys to explain the bill. And I
- 2 know these bills can be confusing at times. I can
- 3 provide you with meter reads. I can provide you
- 4 with the amount you were charged and the amount you
- 5 paid.
- 6 That's another thing, according to
- 7 Nicor --
- 8 MS. McCREE: That's what I was asking for in the
- 9 beginning. They sent me this crap (indicating).
- 10 MR. PADRON: Okay. That's fine. I can -- I'll
- 11 work with you guys. But, according to Nicor, since
- 12 it was put in your name back in March of 2013, you
- 13 guys only made 11 payments over 2 years plus.
- MS. McCREE: Okay.
- 15 MR. PADRON: So, again --
- MS. McCREE: And we've been arguing with them
- 17 about this.
- Go ahead.
- 19 MR. PADRON: As far as the billing is concerned,
- 20 I have no problem providing you guys with an
- 21 accounting showing what you've been charged, what
- 22 you guys have paid. We can do that --

- 1 MR. McCREE: What was the first bill you have?
- 2 What was it?
- 3 MS. McCREE: You mean the amount.
- 4 MR. McCREE: Yeah. Show us the first bill.
- 5 MS. McCREE: In March.
- 6 MR. PADRON: I don't have the March bill. The
- 7 first bill I have is August of 2013.
- 8 MS. McCREE: We need the March bill. What was
- 9 the amount of the March bill.
- 10 MR. PADRON: Well, I can find out.
- 11 MS. McCREE: Okay.
- MR. PADRON: There's a couple things with the
- 13 March bill -- and I don't know if we want to get
- 14 into this right now.
- I do show that you guys had previously
- 16 filed an informal complaint because we had
- 17 Mr. McCree as the owner of the property beginning
- 18 January 2013. And there was gas usage. Given that
- 19 you guys are married, it looks like that -- the
- 20 amount used from January to March was billed to you,
- 21 Mrs. McCree. And according to my notes, you guys
- 22 filed an informal complaint -- I'm sorry, you filed

- 1 a formal complaint back in 2013, and Nicor removed
- 2 those charges.
- 3 MS. McCREE: Okay.
- 4 MR. McCREE: Yeah, we need to see that because I
- 5 wasn't in possession of the property.
- 6 MR. PADRON: I can show you what happened in
- 7 March. That said, I'm not going to waive any
- 8 statute of limitations argument because you guys
- 9 have two years -- if you have a problem with a bill,
- 10 you have two years to file a complaint. March of
- 11 2013 is past two years. So, I have no problem
- 12 working with you guys and we'll go through that, but
- 13 as far as this proceeding here, I'm not waiving that
- 14 statute of limitations argument.
- Do you understand?
- 16 MS. McCREE: I understand what you're saying.
- 17 Can we have a minute?
- 18 JUDGE RILEY: Sure.
- We can go off the record.
- 20 (Whereupon, a discussion
- 21 was had off the record.)
- 22 JUDGE RILEY: Back on the record.

- 1 MR. McCREE: Okay. So, you say you were going
- 2 to provide accurate billing from the date that it
- 3 was put in her name.
- 4 MR. PADRON: Sure, I can provide you guys with
- 5 all the bills from the date it was put in your
- 6 name. Again, I'm not waiving any statute of
- 7 limitations argument.
- 8 MS. McCREE: We understand that.
- 9 MR. PADRON: And --
- 10 MR. McCREE: But the point is, you stated that
- 11 the bill -- she should have started at zero. And
- 12 that you tried to charge her with bills that weren't
- 13 in her name.
- MR. PADRON: Well, I don't know if we really
- 15 want to get into this, but when there's a married
- 16 couple and there's gas usage for one person, then
- 17 you can bill either of the spouse.
- MS. McCREE: Well, that wasn't really
- 19 necessarily the point. The property was in somebody
- 20 else's name at that time.
- 21 MR. McCREE: That's our whole point.
- MR. PADRON: We might be spinning our wheels

- 1 here because --
- 2 MS. McCREE: Right.
- 3 MR. PADRON: -- according to my notes, that
- 4 charge was removed. We can confirm that.
- 5 MR. McCREE: Right. That's what we need to
- 6 confirm. The simple reason is, it was not in my
- 7 name and it shouldn't have been in her name, that's
- 8 the reason why I took it out because of the simple
- 9 reason I wasn't the mortgagee in possession.
- 10 MR. PADRON: Well, I've got an ICC formal number
- 11 and everything --
- 12 MR. McCREE: No, I understand.
- 13 MR. PADRON: -- and it says that the charges
- 14 were removed. So, we'll verify that.
- 15 And the accounting that I show you
- 16 guys, it will include everything, the amount of gas
- 17 used. It will include how the reads were taken. If
- 18 they were actual reads. If they were estimated
- 19 reads. And I will also show you what payments were
- 20 made and when they were made.
- MS. McCREE: Good.
- 22 MR. PADRON: And then in the meantime if you

- 1 guys want to have the meter tested, the ICC can be a
- 2 part of that procedure where they will oversee it.
- 3 It's a nominal charge.
- 4 MR. McCREE: Wait. Wait. Who got to pay for
- 5 it?
- 6 MR. PADRON: You guys do. But I want to say
- 7 nominal charge, I think it's like \$5.
- 8 MR. McCREE: Why should I have to pay anything
- 9 to check your meter.
- 10 MR. PADRON: We can talk about that.
- 11 MS. McCREE: Yeah, man.
- 12 MR. PADRON: And the reason being, you guys are
- 13 the ones bringing the complaint, that's why.
- But, regardless, we'll talk about it
- 15 and see if we can get around it.
- 16 JUDGE RILEY: These documents that Mrs. McCree
- 17 provided that were provided to her from Nicor, it
- 18 does show duplicate dates on three different
- 19 occasions here. There's also some notations that
- 20 look like billings were cancelled.
- 21 MR. PADRON: Right.
- JUDGE RILEY: And I don't know what "FIN" means.

- 1 MR. McCREE: Yeah, I didn't know what none of
- 2 that meant, so. . I'm going by what I can
- 3 understand and read. All I've seen was three, four
- 4 different dates.
- 5 MR. PADRON: "FIN", I'm guessing, means Final.
- 6 JUDGE RILEY: Okay.
- 7 MR. PADRON: But I don't know for sure and I
- 8 don't want to speculate.
- 9 But normally when there are more than
- 10 one charge or more than one activity, if you will,
- 11 on a certain date, it's usually because a bill is
- 12 adjusted somehow, it's cancelled and rebilled or
- 13 something to that effect.
- 14 But like I said, we can -- I can tell
- 15 you exactly what happened on say, January 29th,
- 16 2013, January 27th, 2013.
- 17 And you said there were three, Judge.
- I see 1-29, 1-27 --
- 19 MS. McCREE: 5-7.
- 20 MR. PADRON: 5-7-2013. Again, all three of
- 21 those --
- MS. McCREE: There's like three or four charges

- 1 on the 27th of January.
- 2 MR. PADRON: Right -- no, there's two.
- 3 MR. McCREE: No, there's one down here and two
- 4 up there.
- 5 JUDGE RILEY: The 1-27-13, I'm looking at the
- 6 bottom of the page with the amount 914.78, that
- 7 looks like it was cancelled.
- 8 MR. PADRON: Yes, it was.
- 9 Like I said, I think the Judge is
- 10 right, but I can tell you specifically what happened
- 11 on those dates and we'll go from there.
- 12 MS. McCREE: All right.
- JUDGE RILEY: Why don't we do this, why don't I
- 14 set this over for a status.
- 15 How long will it take you, do you
- 16 think, to get the explanations to the Complainant?
- 17 MR. PADRON: 28 days, thereabout. A month.
- 18 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. So, if were to set this
- 19 for another five to six weeks out --
- 20 MR. PADRON: That would be fine.
- 21 JUDGE RILEY: -- that would give time for you to
- 22 get the explanation to them. They can assess what

- 1 they heard. And then they can come back --
- 2 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 3 JUDGE RILEY: -- and follow up as they see fit.
- 4 MR. PADRON: Correct.
- 5 MR. McCREE: What was your name?
- 6 JUDGE RILEY: I'm Judge Riley.
- 7 MR. McCREE: And your name -- do you have a
- 8 card?
- 9 MR. PADRON: I do.
- 10 MR. McCREE: So, are we going to do something
- 11 about the parking lot being torn up?
- 12 MR. PADRON: Yes. I will certainly look into
- 13 that. Whatever repairs (sic) were made they should
- 14 have -- if they had to tear up a parking lot or a
- 15 driveway or whatever, they should have fixed that.
- MR. McCREE: We have to get his name. He
- 17 doesn't have a card.
- 18 MR. PADRON: You know what, I thought I did, but
- 19 you guys can take this.
- 20 MR. McCREE: And are they going to do it before
- 21 the weather breaks.
- MR. PADRON: I'll get somebody out there as soon

- 1 as I can.
- 2 MR. McCREE: Okay.
- 3 MR. PADRON: I'm sorry, I'll have to write it
- 4 down, my information.
- 5 MS. McCREE: You just me an e-mail. Is it all
- 6 on there?
- 7 MR. PADRON: It's all in the e-mail.
- 8 MS. McCREE: Okay.
- 9 MR. PADRON: So, five, six weeks is fine.
- 10 JUDGE RILEY: Okay. You'll get some kind of
- 11 explanation to the Complainants by -- around the
- 12 last week in October.
- 13 MR. PADRON: Yes.
- 14 JUDGE RILEY: And why don't we just give it a
- 15 week beyond that.
- Would Monday, November 9 be okay?
- 17 MR. PADRON: Yes, that's fine.
- 18 JUDGE RILEY: I know that's a holiday week. The
- 19 State offices are closed on the 11th.
- 20 MR. McCREE: Okay.
- 21 MS. McCREE: Is there a time?
- JUDGE RILEY: 10:00 a.m., is that all right?

- 1 MR. McCREE: Thank you.
- MR. PADRON: Yeah, that's fine, Judge, 10:00 is
- 3 good.
- 4 JUDGE RILEY: And I want to make sure that the
- 5 Complainants understand that they are not foreclosed
- 6 from anything. You can have your day in court, if
- 7 you so choose. Let's see how this works out. But
- 8 remember, you always are entitled to a full
- 9 evidentiary hearing under any circumstances.
- 10 MR. McCREE: Yes, your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE RILEY: All right. We will leave it at
- 12 that. We'll see what Nicor comes up with.
- MR. McCREE: Okay. So, Paul, you're going to
- 14 get with me about the meter thing?
- MR. PADRON: I will. I have your wife's e-mail.
- 16 MR. McCREE: Okay.
- 17 MR. PADRON: That's the way I'm going to --
- 18 MR. McCREE: That's fine.
- 19 MR. PADRON: -- correspond with you guys, if
- 20 that's okay.
- 21 MR. McCREE: That's fine.
- MR. PADRON: You have my direct number.

- Once we're done here, if you want to
- 2 give me your number. I have her number.
- But, yeah, I'll get you that stuff as
- 4 soon as I can.
- 5 MR. McCREE: Okay.
- 6 JUDGE RILEY: Is there anything further?
- 7 MS. McCREE: Not right now.
- 8 MR. PADRON: No.
- 9 JUDGE RILEY: All right. Then, we are recessed
- 10 until November 9, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. And I'll have
- 11 the Clerk's Office send out a formal notice to all
- 12 the parties.
- Thank you very much.
- 14 MR. PADRON: Thank you.
- 15 MS. McCREE: Thank you.
- 16 MR. McCREE: Thank you.
- 17 (Whereupon, the matter was
- 18 continued to November 9th,
- 19 2013, 10:00 a.m.)
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